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Respectfully submitted,  
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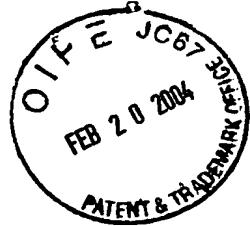
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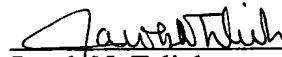
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced patent application before substantive examination as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** applies only to page 17, specifically, Tables 3 & 4; the tables were flipped during their insertion into the specification, the substituted page 17 shows the correct data under the appropriate table heading, Applicants include herein one (1) replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.